

prohibit funds from being used to award a non-competitively bid contract to an Alaska Native Corporation, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian Organization in an amount in excess of the competitive bidding threshold; and

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Eshoo amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract with a corporation or other business entity that does not disclose its political expenditures.

Pages H3951–53

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, June 1st.

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 293, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

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Agreed to:

Culberson amendment that redirects \$20 million with respect to the Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services; redirects \$100,000 with respect to Medical Support and Compliance; increases funding, by offset, for Medical and Prosthetic Research by \$22 million; redirects \$100,000 with respect to the Veterans Benefits Administration, General Operating Expenses; and redirects \$70 million with respect to Information Technology Systems.

Pages H3976–77

H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H3936–39

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3987.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and twenty recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3931–32, H3932–33, H3933, H3933–34, H3934–35, H3935, H3935–36, H3953, H3954–55, H3955, H3956, H3956–57, H3957, H3957–58, H3958–59, H3959, H3959–60, H3960–61, H3961, H3962–63 and H3963. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit held a hearing to review recent investigations and audits of the

USDA Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on U.S. Capitol Police FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a markup of Energy and Water Appropriations Act, FY 2012. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

FANNIE MAE, FREDDIE MAC AND FHA: TAXPAYER EXPOSURE IN THE HOUSING MARKETS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing on Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA: Taxpayer Exposure in the Housing Markets. Testimony was heard from Deborah J. Lucas, Assistant Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

FANNIE MAE, FREDDIE MAC AND FHA: TAXPAYER EXPOSURE IN THE HOUSING MARKETS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA: Taxpayer Exposure in the Housing Markets.” Testimony was heard from Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Department of Labor; James L. Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 2021, Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

SONY AND EPSILON: LESSONS FOR DATA SECURITY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Sony and Epsilon: Lessons for Data Security Legislation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PPACA'S EFFECTS ON MAINTAINING HEALTH COVERAGE AND JOBS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “PPACA's Effects on Maintaining Health Coverage and Jobs: A Review of the Health Care Law's Regulatory Burden.” Testimony was heard from Steve Larsen, Director, Center

for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a markup of H.R. 2072, Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Religious Freedom, Democracy, Human Rights in Asia: Status of Implementation of the Tibetan Policy Act, Block Burmese JADE Act, and North Korean Human Rights Act. Testimony was heard from Robert King, Ambassador, Special Envoy for North Korean Human Rights Issues; Daniel B. Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Joseph Y. Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and public witnesses.

EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN ENERGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing on European and Eurasian Energy: Developing Capabilities for Security and Prosperity. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Morningstar, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a markup of the following: H.R. 1299, the Secure Border Act of 2011; H.R. 1922, to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with access to Federal lands to carry out certain security activities in the Southwest border region, and for other purposes; and H.R. 915, the Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act. H.R. 915 and H.R. 1299 were forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1922 was forwarded without amendment.

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Authorizing the Transportation Security Administration for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013." Testimony was heard from John S. Pistole, Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.J. Res. 1, Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; H.R. 1741, the Secure Visas Act; H.R. 1932, the Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2011; and H.R. 966, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC OIL AND NATURAL GAS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled "Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources; Cynthia Quartermann, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MAKING THE GULF COAST WHOLE AGAIN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Making the Gulf Coast Whole Again: Assessing the Recovery Efforts of BP and the Obama Administration After the Oil Spill." Testimony was heard from Michael Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Haley Barbour, Governor, Mississippi; Craig Taffaro, President, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana; Bill Williams, Commissioner, Gulf County, Florida; and Frank Rusco, Director of Energy and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

IRS E-FILE AND IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management held a hearing entitled "IRS E-file and Identity Theft." Testimony was heard from Jim White, Director of Strategic Issues, GAO; Douglas Shulman, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, IRS; and public witnesses.

FDA MEDICAL DEVICE APPROVAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled "FDA Medical Device Approval: Is There a Better Way?" Testimony was heard from Jeffrey

Shuren, Director, Centers for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA; and public witnesses.

DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(c) OF THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION, TO REMOVE THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM LIBYA AND DECLARING THAT THE PRESIDENT SHALL NOT DEPLOY, ESTABLISH, OR MAINTAIN THE PRESENCE OF UNITS AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ON THE GROUND IN LIBYA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule for H.R. 292 providing one hour of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read.

The rule also provides a closed rule for H. Con. Res. 51. The rule provides for one hour of debate on the resolution, with 30 minutes controlled by Representative Ros-Lehtinen of Florida or her designee and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Kucinich of Ohio or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Garrett and Kucinich.

SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCE RESEARCH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Social, Behavioral and Economic Science Research: Oversight of the Need for Federal Investments and Priorities for Funding. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH IT BARRIERS FOR SMALL MEDICAL PRACTICES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology held a hearing entitled "Not What the Doctor Ordered: Health IT Barriers for Small Medical Practices." Testimony was heard from Farzad Mostashari, M.D., National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services; Karen Trudel, Acting Director, Office of E-Health Standards and Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Transition Assistance Program and VetSuccess on Campus Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Pamperin, Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Philip A. Burdette, Principal Director, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Department of Defense; BGEN Robert F. Hedelund, Director, Marine and Family Programs, USMC, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

IMPROVE UNDERPERFORMING REGIONAL OFFICES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on How to Improve Underperforming Regional Offices. Testimony was heard from Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Diana M. Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HOW BUSINESS TAX REFORM CAN ENCOURAGE JOB CREATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on How Business Tax Reform Can Encourage Job Creation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISRAEL/PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY UPDATE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled Israel/Palestinian Authority Update. This was a closed hearing.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Views of the Administration on Regulatory Reform: An Update." 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative," 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.